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But as the court's finding of guilt was delivered, the judge said, "I would be proud of her if she was my daughter."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Public Library lecture presentation on pregaraging your last will and testament, clearly explained by educator Elaine Prapado of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. For more information, call 908-354-6060.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

MOUNTAINSIDE—Under the direction of Roger Thorpe, the Sammy Kaye Orchestra will present traditional Sammy Kaye classics at Echo Lake Park. For more information, call 908-527-4419.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

PISCATAWAY—Circle Players of Piscataway presents the final show of their summer stock season, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Running through the 30th. For more information, call 732-968-7555.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive at South Plainfield Elks, from 3:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

MONMOUTH PARK—The Greater NJ chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America will be off to the races when it hosts a fund-raising luncheon at Monmouth Park Racecourse in Oceanport. For more information, call 732-656-1244.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

UNION—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of parks and recreation cordially invites all interested persons to an Open House at the Watching Stables. For more information, call 908-789-3865.

BUIDO LAKE—The Seventh Annual Indian Powwow & Western Festival fund-raiser at NJ Vista Park. The event will continue on Sunday. For more information, call 201-627-2595.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

NORTH PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive to be at St. Joseph's Church, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

NEPTUNE—The Monmouth County Park System has scheduled a one-day trip to the Baltimore Inner Harbor area. For more information or to register, call the Park System at 732-842-4000.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

LONG BRANCH—The Monmouth County Park System has scheduled "Kid's Art at the Beach" at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park in Long Branch through August 26th. For more information, call 732-842-4000.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will hold a lecture and group discussion on "Women Raising 'Our Self-Esteem'" from 4:30-6:00 p.m. For more information, call 201-200-3189.

PISCATAWAY, NJ—The National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, Inc. presents the fourth annual celebration for "Sarcoidosis Awareness Day." For more information, call 732-699-0733.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will hold a lecture and group discussion on "CLEP: How to Earn College Credits" from 1-2 p.m. For more information, call 201-200-3189.

SCOTCH PLAINS—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive will be at Scotch Plains Municipal Building from 2:00-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

SCOTCH PLAINS—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, from 2:00-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

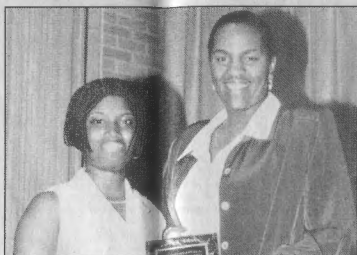
NEPTUNE—The Monmouth County Park System has scheduled a trip to NY's Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more information, call 732-842-4000.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

MAHWAH—Rampco College is offering a specially designed four-credit course to help ease the adult student's transition into the rigors and pleasures of a college education. For more information, call 201-529-7441.

William Paterson University Award Winners 'Students receive recognition for a job well done'

Award recipients at the 1997 Black Students Association Awards Banquet



Nadege Benjamin, left, of Newark, secretary of the Haitian-American Association, received an award for her service to the club from its president, Daphney Volmar.



Jean-Marie Roth, left, of Newark, and vice president of the Haitian-American Association, received an award for her service to the organization.



Melba Mullins, left, of Hillside, Alicia Simmons of Newark, center, and Ahisha Winkler of Westfield, right, received awards for their outstanding leadership and service to SABLE (Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership & Equality).



Stacy Woodard (left) of Newark, received an award for serving as vice president of the university's Black Students Association from ceremony host Tamika Fooks.

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Tamika Fooks also presented an award to Nicole Graves, left, of Newark, received an award for serving as secretary of the university's Black Students Association.

Hispanic group's officer gets accolade



Maria Ortiz, left, of Newark, and vice president of the WPC chapter of the Organization for Latin American Students (OLAS), accepted an award from the Student Government Association (SGA). OLAS was recognized for presenting Puerto Rican History Month, and named one of the five most outstanding cultural programs of the year by the SGA. Presenting the award is Jasmine Lopez, treasurer of the SGA.

Sable Pageant wins honors



SGA Treasurer Jasmine Lopez also presented an award to Alicia Simmons of Newark, president of the WPC chapter of Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality (SABLE). SABLE was also honored during the recent by the SGA. Simmons accepted an award on behalf of SABLE for organizing the organization's annual pageant, named as one of the most outstanding programs of the year.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Rev. Jesse Jackson Planning march on California

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Reverend Jesse Jackson visited the Bay Area last week, to announce his plan for a "Save the Dream: Stop the Desegregation Rally" on August 28, the 34th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. March on Washington. The rally will begin at 10am on Thursday, August 28, at the Golden Gate Bridge at noon participants will march across the bridge.

In last week's keynote address to the national Rainbow-Push Coalition annual conference, Jesse set out the basis for this march.

"We must stop the race-bait politics that leave us polarized and divided. When we 'whitened' the face of poverty, and 'feminized' the face of affirmative action and equal opportunity, we see a truer picture. We reject the stereotypes.

We'll have street action, court action coalition action voter action consumer action, and law enforcement action. We seek to elect the very public support of the coalition, to direct the Department of Education and the Department of Justice to investigate the desegregation of schools in California because of the Proposition 209 in Texas because of the Hopped case. California and Texas are the showdown states."

For more information regarding the march, call Gary Flowers, National Field Director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, for details, at 773-373-3366.

Labor Secretary brings both sides together in the UPS strike

WASHINGTON—An agreement worked out by Labor Secretary Alexis Herman between United Parcel Service and the Teamsters Union will have the two sides returning to the bargaining table. President Clinton has ruled direct intervention to end the strike, Secretary Herman will be on hand to reopen the talks. "The key now is for both parties to look at the issues and find a new solution at the table," Herman said.

Whitman receives bipartisan award for "Bright Beginnings" early childhood program

TRENTON—Governor Whitman's "Bright Beginning" early childhood initiative won praise of the Bipartisan National Governor's Association, winning the organization's Building Block Award. The \$8.5 million "Bright Beginnings" program is expected to add 8,500 new childcare spaces across the state. Additionally, it will expand the number of registered daycare providers and improve the quality of childcare programs. This award comes on the heels of the Washington-based Children's Rights Council that New Jersey is the best state in which to raise a child among

African-American woman is a candidate for Essex County Prosecutor

NEWARK—A deputy administrator for the Essex County has emerged as a candidate for the appointment to the post of Essex County Prosecutor. Patricia Hart, a former assistant prosecutor in the county, has the support of the republic county executive and members of the Black Minister's Council of New Jersey, would be the first African-American woman to be appointed a prosecutor in the state of New Jersey.

Haitian immigrant hospitalized after brutal attack by Brooklyn policeman

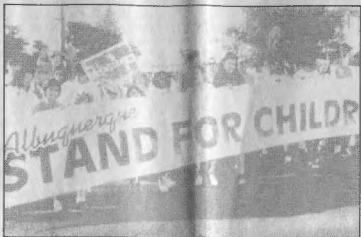
NEW YORK—Charges against a police officer were announced in the torturing and sodomizing of a Haitian immigrant in the bathroom of a Brooklyn police station. Justin Voyle was turned himself into Internal Affairs after being identified by victim Abner Louima as the assailant in the beating that left him critically injured. Another policeman was relieved of duty and two sergeants were under fire in the incident for looking the other way as the attack took place

Black youth stand for healthy bodies and minds

WASHINGTON, DC—Nearly 200 African American college students and college-age adults from the Children's Defense Fund's Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) will continue to commit their talent and energy to serving disadvantaged children at 28 Freedom Schools in 13 states and the District of Columbia this summer.

Freedom Schools unite parents, young adults, and community leaders around the common goal of giving children a safe and educational summer experience. Most sites serve meals provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program. For many children, Freedom Schools provide safe havens in dangerous neighborhoods, as well as positive role models and mentors.

From New York to California, freedom schools will make a positive difference in the lives of children this summer," said Julianne Johnson, acting director of Freedom Schools. We seek to create learning environments that provide structure in children's lives, and bring communities and families together to promote academic success, strengthen character, and help



Maria Wright Edelman, founder of Stand for Children and President for the Children's Defense Fund, stands with young people of Albuquerque, NM as part of its Stand for Children and Stand Against Violence Day.

children be critical thinkers and responsible members of their communities."

More than 2,000 children will be served under the leadership of caring elders and college-age interns who are trained through the Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute, held this

Schools, noting that in Minnesota last year 1,767 children were arrested for violent crimes, 1,036 were abused or neglected, and 12,387 dropped out of school.

Founded in 1992 in honor of Ella Baker, who was an inspiration to thousands of young people in the Civil Rights Movement, the Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute continues the legacy of that movement through the work of this generation of young leaders.

Through a rigorous two-week program, young leaders are taught to help children by combining freedom programs with cultural and educational enrichment, as well as recreation, child advocacy, and parental involvement. The schools serve children ages five to 18 for six to eight weeks and integrate language arts, conflict resolution, and social action in an activity-based curriculum that promotes social, cultural and historical awareness.

"Summer can be a difficult time for children who often do without nutritious meals, constructive recreation or culturally enriching activity," said BCCC Director Barbara Kelley-Sease. "We are excited about the hundreds of young people who are continuing to Stand for Children every day as role models and inspired teachers while providing children with safe havens during the summer."

"Our Black youth are answering the call," said CDF President Marian Wright Edelman, who founded the BCCC. "The crisis children face in communities all over this country demands immediate action from within, and these young people are inspired and motivated by a sense of purpose—the same purpose that will empower them to work to reclaim our communities and our children."

In partnership with best child-serving community organizations, Freedom Schools are part of the continued effort of the BCCC to weave and renew the rich fabric of community that historically has been the cornerstone for the healthy development of Black children. Freedom Schools tap into and strengthen the strong Black community tradition of self-help; rebuild the bridges between the generations; and ensure that every child gets a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life, with the support of caring adults and nurturing communities.

Black youth face obstacles to achievement

WASHINGTON, D.C.—According to a new book released by the United Negro College Fund (The College Fund/UNCF), visible racial distinctions still remain in America's public and private schools which negatively affect the academic achievement of African American students in preschool through high school.

The report titled The Status of Education in Black America, Volume II: Preschool through High School Education was compiled by the research arm of The College Fund, the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute. It is a comprehensive compilation of data from various national databases that reveal the status, performance and progress of African Americans in preschool through high school.

Data released in the report illustrate the gap between African American children with verbal memory and social/school development skills comparable to their white counterparts and display positive attitudes towards attending school, but experience a decline in academic competitiveness and achievement relative to national

testing standards as early as the 4th American grade. By the time African Americans enter the 12th grade, they experience lower graduation rates than they represented throughout their elementary and secondary school years.

"Volume II of the UNCF Status of Education in Black America serves as an important contribution to educational policymaking," said William H. Gray, III, president and chief executive officer of The College Fund/UNCF. "We are convinced that the best way to improve quality in higher education is to increase the pool of African American applicants who are well-prepared to achieve."

The data book pays particular attention to the attitudes and social behavior of African American students in relation to their educational advancement. Parental involvement, school

afety, teacher preparation television viewing, and economic disadvantage are among a number of key factors identified as important developmental factors by the report.

"While the data book clearly outlines significant challenges that we must address, it also presents us with a good deal of encouraging information," said Michael Nettles, executive director of the Frederick Patterson Research Institute. Nettles noted that while African American preschoolers perform about the same as whites on test of verbal memory and motor and social development, they score relatively low in vocabulary.

"This may well be a precursor to problems in reading later on," Nettles said. It is only after we have made an intelligent assessment of the situation that we are able to act. The data book is the first step in that process."



Right to left: William H. Gray III, president & CEO of The College Fund and Dr. Michael Nettles, executive director of the Frederick Patterson Research Institute are joined by Marshall Smith, Acting Deputy Director of the USS Department of Education at a press conference which announced the findings of The Status of Education in Black America, Volume II: Preschool through High School Education. The book is published by the Frederick Patterson Research Institute, the research arm of the College Fund.

NBCC to monitor and enforce HUD law

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., has announced the appointment of a consultant to monitor and enforce Section 3 of the HUD Act in communities throughout the nation. Section 3 is a regulation that stimulates employment and contracting opportunities among residents of public housing and people living under the poverty level.

The consultant that will work with the NBCC is Contract and Community Services Institute which is located in Gary, Indiana. According to Ray Young, President of the firm: "You may recall that in 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commended the Kennedy and Johnson administrations for their legislative measures on civil rights. However, Dr. King boldly proclaimed that neither administrations had done much of anything to enforce these laws. King's statement of 1968 remains very much true and relevant today."

Harry C. Alford, President/CEO of the NBCC, states: "Section 3 is the perfect vehicle for 'we'll take to work'. It was written in response to the first Watts riot and is race neutral, therefore courtproof. The only problem we have is that HUD not very few housing authorities desire to enforce it. It is grossly ignored and this attitude prolongs unemployment and poverty in our communities it's a tragedy. Thus, if our government refuses to do it, we will!"

The NBCC has assisted various affiliated offices in filing Section 3 complaints and prompting investigations. The lack of aggressiveness by HUD field offices has given the NBCC much concern. Alford states: "Some of the characters representing HUD such as the Detroit, New York and Chicago offices should be removed from the 'fray'. They just don't understand their responsibility and they are causing damage to many Black families. We are being faced with the question—Should we sue HUD?"

The NBCC had its consultant give a certificated course in Section 3 compliance during its recent convention upcoming convention in Denver, CO.

Previously, the NBCC stated that it will be auditing at least 100 housing authorities for Section 3 compliance. "It is during this initiative that the horrors started to appear. Thus, we began the formal Section 3 complaints and hired Ray Young's company," says Kay Debow, Director of National Programs for the NBCC.

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Black conversation at race

Let a million contribute to improving their community

Minister Louis Farrakhan visit to Newark and Plainfield was a tribute to both cities as well as a high point for the cities' Black Muslim community. This new international leader, in the Muslim community, called for the Million Man March and Black men responded throughout America without regard to religious belief. While I do not recall Minister Farrakhan, asking the men who attended to go back and rebuild your community by block, neighborhood by neighborhood," after the March, Black men returned to their community, many quietly and overtly committed to making a difference. Without question, their is clear evidence that the march created a desire, on the part of some who attended to make a positive contribution to their community. They returned and created programs and activities to make a difference. Something happen, however, since "The Great March." The Million Man March momentum was not fully utilized. The message of community building was not clear enough. While Black men responded to the call to go to Washington, it was not clear how to harness the energy to bring about positive changes needed throughout communities. Minister Farrakhan's answer is atonement. So he has called on Black men and women throughout America to use October 16th the Anniversary of the Million Man March as their day for atonement. He indicated that Black men and women should work to shed the shackles of slavery that they can embrace similar to people of the Jewish faith.

We agree with Minister Farrakhan that Black men and women must assume more responsibility for the communities in which they live. We believe that the Million Man March can become a call to build enterprises in our communities, reduce crime, improve the quality of life and increase opportunities for our children.

An appeal for Plainfield's students

Your efforts in writing to legislators and the governor are needed. Plainfield continues to be excluded from the list of special needs districts, or Abbott districts, as they are now being called. This means that the school district is being denied millions of dollars in state aid that can help our children get a top quality education.

When the Governor's Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and Financing decided Plainfield as one of the special needs districts, citizens wrote to legislators to be included in the financing plan. The school district filed an appeal with the state Supreme Court, who determined that it was up to the legislature and the state department of education to restore Plainfield's status.

The result of the court ruling was that a bill was introduced in both branches of the legislature. In the Senate, Senators Jack Ewing, a Republican, and John Lynch, a Democrat, introduced a bill, S2128, to include Plainfield as an Abbott district. Senator Donald DiFrancesco, a Republican, is a secondary sponsor of the bill. The companion bill in the assembly, A2018, is sponsored by Democratic Assemblymen Jerry Green and Robert T. Smith.

The impact from the loss of Abbott District Assistance include and overall reduction of staff, increased class sizes, reduction of extracurricular and athletic programs and a delay in providing schools with up-to-date technology. Additional funding from the state would be earmarked towards programs including establishing tu-

torial programs before and after school, opening a summer school program, improving the teacher-student ratio and developing the staff to achieve New Jersey core curriculum standards.

These legislators are asking Plainfield's help to get this legislation passed. You are urged to take the time to write local representatives, the State Senate and the Assembly, the Governor. Officials to contact are as follows:

The Honorable Christine E. Whitman
Governor, State of New Jersey
The State House, CN 001
Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Senator John H. Ewing
Chairman Senate
Education Committee
59 State Street
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Assemblyman Jack Collins
NJ General Assembly
63 East Avenue
Woodstown, NJ 08098

Assemblyman
Walter J. Kavanagh
First Floor
76 Bridge Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

Just last month, word was received that the district will receive an additional \$475,000. Your lobbying is working. But we need to keep the pressure on. Your support is needed to get approval by the legislature to the students of Plainfield.

By Carolyn L. Bennett

Why should black Americans, or any Americans, bother with conversations on race? We are at peace. There are no riots in Watts. No lunch counters to sit in or colored rest room signs to remove. So what? We're doing. Dig in and enjoy the ride to easy street.

I don't think so. I think we need to support the conversations on race initiated and sponsored by the president in his speech to University of California-San Diego graduates recently.

The President said, "we have talked at each other and about each other for a long time. It's high time we all began talking with each other." In a candid, unprecedented conversation about race.

But why should we bother? "For now, no cities are burning." Steven A. Holmes wrote in a recent Sunday Times article. There are no divisive events like the O.J. Simpson trial" preoccupying Americans. "Among African Americans, overall,"

he said, "income, life expectancy and employment have been rising."

"So in some ways, the climate makes Mr. Clinton's appeal for racial healing... among most of us."

But not quite. "If peace abounds," Holmes writes, "it is also fraught with paradoxes. The paradox is that in the poorest neighborhoods have barely budged; disparities in the equality of education persist; Hispanic people, especially, are losing ground; and as more blacks move into the middle class and their contacts with whites increase, their doubts that racial hatred can be conquered have only grown, he says.

Some say conversations are needed because of paradoxes and patterns of ingrained, persistent prejudice that extend back decades. A recent cover story on America's cities begs for broader discussion.

In the Winter 1997 Brookings Institution Review, economist Ingrid Gould Ellen said, though racial integration grows in U.S. neighborhoods,

neighborhoods are still mostly segregated. She said white flight and persistent segregation are based on persistent notions among whites (and, decreasingly, among some blacks) about what will happen to "their" neighborhood if "too many" blacks move in.

It is not so much a fear of racial mixing, Ellen says, as it is a preconceived notion that the "structural strength" of the neighborhood decreases as black residents increase. That school quality and property values and public safety will decrease as the black population rises.

But why do people feel this way about other people? Is it of greed, alone? And why risk ruining a whole neighborhood for the sake of one or a few? Dr. John Hope Franklin, who heads the president's new advisory panel on race, said he has the answer. His answer: Given the deeper racism for blacks and whites to pay attention to and participate in conversations on race.

His answer came in response to

the usual question asked by some blacks and whites, for different reasons: about slavery and reparations. Will you support a presidential or congressional apology "to black America for slavery," the reporter wanted to know.

Dr. Franklin said this has to do with more than slavery. He says the problem is "a philosophy in this country that stated categorically that blacks were inferior, that they were physically and intellectually and ethnically inferior."

This was something the "Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment could not end," he said, "because it was already deeply ingrained... into the American ethos." "You could avoid slavery," he said, "but you couldn't end (what was) in the minds and hearts of people. So you've got another problem here to confront."

So let the conversations proceed. Let them raise the awareness the people and of the body politic. We can do nothing less, if we care about becoming one America.

Serving the community instead of serving time

By Martin Wright Edelman

With the number of legal services that Charles Lewis experienced as a young man growing up in South Carolina, he could easily have wound up serving a long term in prison instead of his community.

"But God saw fit to give me a change at a better life," Chuck, now a sergeant for the federal Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C., says.

As a boy, Chuck often spent his school days running the streets and his evenings stealing hamburgers and getting into other mischief. Before long, he was in front of a judge. His patience had almost run out but who

gave him one more chance.

Chuck packed his bags and headed for the Army. There he met people who believed in him and taught him self-discipline. He served in Vietnam and joined the military police, discovering it was far more productive to help young recruits steer clear of trouble than locking them up after they crossed the line. It was a lesson that he's been applying throughout his more than 40 years in law enforcement.

"We have to catch these kids between ages 6 and 13, and make a positive difference in their lives," says Chuck, a member of the Black Police Association and president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #2 in D.C. "I've learned that many of the kids who get into trouble... that I was a kid. Most of the time they just need a second chance, somebody to believe in them. I understand that some young people are violent and

need to be separated from the rest of society for a time, but most of them are not violent offenders."

"Everybody seems to be talking about trying more crimes as adults, but we have to remember that they are still kids. It sure makes more sense to treat them with respect and care than involved in something constructive and meaningful before they get into trouble."

Chuck is right. Studies have shown trying children in adult courts does not create criminal behavior. This fall the U.S. Senate will vote on a bill, the National Center of Negro nationality and then ever being thrown into adult prisons. The House already has passed an equally harsh companion bill, H.R.3.

We must act now to protect children from being trapped by gutless politicians seeking to prove they are "tough on crime" by voting for harsher punishment against young offenders. Call your senators while they are

home during the month of August to support crucial changes to S.10. Tell them that we mustn't allow children to be sent to court and thrown into adult prison where they will only learn to be better criminals; be subjected to harassment, assault, and rape; and face increased risk for suicide. Tell them that we must invest in prevention and prevention on the front end and do something to stop the flow of guns into our children's communities and homes. And if our children are unfortunate enough to land in court, tell your Senators to make sure children are given the best possible care and the kind of education and psychological treatment that will help them lead productive lives.

Martin Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, which coordinates the Black Reparations Crusade for Children (BCCC).

Wisdom from the ancestors

By Dr. Conrad Workill

African people throughout the world are uniform in their sense of white supremacy. This has created tremendous problems for us as a people. There are solutions to these problems, but we must be ready at all time and time again. These solutions have come from the wisdom of the ancestors.

One of the solutions to the problem, and crisis, of African people have been set forth by our thinkers and activists of the 19th and 20th centuries. From time to time movements have unfolded that have picked up on the ideas of these thinkers and activists. When this has occurred serious challenges to breaking the yoke of white supremacy seemed within reach. However, due to internal and external manipulations of race movements they become short lived. For example, one of the most successful

of these movements was the Garvey Movement of the 1920's.

As African people face the 21st century, it is imperative that we collect the wisdom of Negro nationality from which shall flow the stream of commercial, intellectual, and political power which shall make colored people respected everywhere.

Another great Black Nationalist leader of the 20th century, the late Elijah Muhammed, challenged us to "we must do for self."

And finally, the Afrocentric World review, Vol. 1 No. 1, wiger 1973 in his editorial by Negus explained - "In this crucial world wide scramble for Africa, African minds and African bodies, we must proclaim in our own right African interest first... Blacks must cease becoming a vest pocket people for other national interests and world pursuits, and hasten to revive the age old traditional quest for a World African Center that

will make us once again masters in our own house."

The Million Man March called by Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam on October 16, 1995 in Washington, D.C. was a part of the historical strand of Black leadership attempts to revive our movement for self-determination. The Million Man March has sparked the process of setting in motion a new Black Movement.

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Republicans and the President's race initiative

By Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.

President Clinton launched his one-year race initiative on July 14th at the University of California in San Diego. Present in the audience to cap and crown on that occasion was a member of the California Board of Regents, Ward Connerly, Mr. Connerly, an appointee of California's

Republican Governor Pete Wilson, was the chief proponent of Proposition 209, California's anti-affirmative action ballot initiative in 1996. What is his purpose here? He was part of an orchestrated campaign by Republicans to limit the President's discussion of race to affirmative action, then distort the discussion of affirmative action by deliberately and incorrectly defining affirmative action

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Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. is a second term congressman from the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

Farrakhan poses dilemma for African-American commentators

By Salim Muwakkil

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Council of Negro Women sponsors 'Black Family Reunion' trip

PLAINFIELD — The National Council of Negro Women will observe their annual "Black Family Reunion" in Washington, D.C., on September 6, 1997. The Plainfield/Scottish Plains section will sponsor a bus trip departing from Maxson Middle School (9 Seventh & Woodland Aves.) at 9 a.m. Departure time from Washington at 9 p.m. Donation is \$35. For more information, call 908-322-6922 or 908-494-3908.

Newark high school prepares for 20 year reunion

NEWARK — Malcolm X Shabazz High School's class of 1977 is having a 20 year reunion on November 23, 1997 at the Gallatin Hill Inn in Atlanta. Ticket price is \$60.00 per person. All interest and reservations should send information to MXS Class Reunion, 80 Johnson Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102 c/o M. Williams. The deadline for final payment is October 30.

Schundler swears in new Deputy Mayors

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City welcomed four new Deputy Mayors during a swearing-in ceremony to be held at the City of Jersey City on Tuesday, August 12, 1997. Mayor Bret Schundler performed the inauguration of Ed L. Equipado, Rev. O. Maxwell Jones, Ellis Rivera, and Jaime Vazquez. "During the swearing-in ceremony, each of the new Deputy Mayors pledges to use their individual strengths to best serve the needs of the citizens of Jersey City. I am confident that we will be able to use their unique talents to further improve the quality of life for our City's residents," Schundler said. As Deputy Mayors, each of the newly sworn in officials will be the Mayor's liaison to members of the community.

Insurance for dog owners

TRENTON — Owning a dog costs an average of \$14,000 over the animal's life span, but that amount could be dramatically higher for pet owners whose dogs bite and who are without the proper insurance, warns the New Jersey Independent Insurance Agents of Union County (IIAUC). Who is at the most risk? Many homeowners' insurance policies exclude coverage for liability-related lawsuits, an in-home entrepreneur without business insurance may not be covered if sued by a customer who was bitten by the entrepreneur's dog. Instances of dog-related injuries or attacks are by no means rare. The insurance industry estimates that one-third of all homeowners' insurance liability claims may be related to dog attacks. For more information, call the IIAUC at 1-800-952-6948.

Courses at Brookdale Community College

LINCOLN — On-site registration will be offered at Brookdale Community College's Long Branch Learning Center, located at 3rd and Broadway on Tuesday, August 26, 11a.m.-7 p.m. Courses are available at the Long Branch Center in topics including accounting, data processing, economics, writing, World Civilization, American Civilization, African American history, mathematics, algebra, English as a Second Language, psychology, Speech, reading and more. During on-site registration, Brookdale staff will assist with applications, registration, financial aid questions, academic counseling, and more. Those at Brookdale's Long Branch Center at 732-234-2386 for further information.

Colleges establish joint admission agreement

UPPER MONTCLAIR — Maintaining its tradition of academic excellence and dedication to community service, Montclair State University entered into a joint admission agreement with Sussex County Community College. The agreement allows SCCC graduates to enroll as junior liberal arts majors at MSU and pursue a bachelor's of arts degree in one of 12 academic disciplines. The agreement is designed to allow SCCC students to obtain a B.A. degree after successfully completing an A.A. degree. SCCC students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 to be admitted, call 201-655-4353.

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Mayor James gets support on alcohol veto plan

NEWARK — Central Ward Councilman George Branch has decided to support Mayor Sharpe James' plan to veto the bill that would extend the hours a tavern could sell beer and wine.

"While I often disagree with the Star Ledger's editorials, I think that the editorial called 'Trouble Brewing' on August 11, 1997 was right on.

Before, I voted against the proposal to extend the hours for taverns to sell beer and wine for off-premise consumption (and sometimes probably on the premises just outside the establishment). I received calls from my constituents, almost universally opposed to the longer hours," said Councilman Branch.

"The calls I received before the vote were minuscule compared to those I received afterwards from clergy, teachers, parents, homeowners

and renters among others. My constituents are so opposed to this ill-conceived ordinance that they have asked that I join with my Council colleagues who voted against the ordinance in actively assisting the Mayor in sustaining his promised veto."

The ordinance would extend the hours a tavern could sell beer and wine to 2 a.m., Sunday through Wednesday and 3 a.m., Thursday through Saturday.



Councilman George Branch

Farrakhan: Nation leader calls for holy day

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call. So I believe that whether the leaders agree with it or not, the people do agree and they will shut the city down even if the leaders don't." Farrakhan came to Plainfield amid controversy when Mayor Mark Furey denied a request from the local mosque to give him a key to the city. Neither the Mayor or the City Council were present, which angered many residents. Minister Farrakhan pointed out that America's head has been separated from the body for so long, and society needs to work to bring them together again. Still, he said that it was the people, not the city officials who receive him and make him welcome in the cities he has visited. "I already have the key to the city," he said to applause. "I have a bigger key than the mayor's."

Minister Farrakhan called it unfortunate the perceptions of him maintained by certain segments of society, but says that over time he and the NOI are gradually eroding these feelings, and could further develop an understanding of why whites got to know him better. On charges of being anti-American, which was first raised during his visit to the Middle East where he met with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, he commented, "This is the only country I know I live here. My boldness to speak the truth would cause me to be killed in practically every other country on the earth except America, and I want to see America made better than what she is." Minister Farrakhan said that America must build a family among its people, comprised of all peoples on the planet.

Minister Farrakhan also said that he was received as a spiritual leader in the Middle Eastern countries and cited the inroads in trade and development his visits opened up. He indicated when Pope John Paul II established diplomatic relations with Libya and noted how he was welcomed to the Middle East again in a few months and hopes to visit Israel and its leaders on this trip.

When independent mayoral candidate Arthur L. Harnett asked Minister Farrakhan if he will come back to Plainfield, he said that because this is the only city where he will not speak to the public, he wants to return in a few months. In conjunction with that visit, and at Mr. Harnett's suggestion, he asks that the city gather its young people of all colors and faiths together so that he may speak to them about the message.

Students explore science at State Aquarium

CAMDEN — Sixteen Camden city high school students marked the end of the ten-month Camden Aquarium Urban Science Enrichment (C.A.U.S.E.) Summer Junior Staff Program recently.

The teens were honored by the New Jersey State Aquarium, Senator Wayne R. Bryant, the Prudential Foundation, the state and city officials at a ceremony in front of the 760,000 gallon Deep Atlantic tank, followed by a reception on the Riverview deck at the New Jersey State Aquarium.

C.A.U.S.E. is a program that exposes Camden children to the world of science, opening up possible career opportunities while teaching valuable

mentoring, leadership and conflict resolution skills. The honorees, ages 15 to 18, completed an intensive education process that prepared them for their jobs as exhibit interpreters at the Aquarium and mentors to 120 Camden city children at the Aquarium's C.A.U.S.E. summer camp.

Senator Wayne R. Bryant distributed legislative certificates of accomplishment to the teens. "Academic excellence shines through Camden youth," he said. "Their commitment to personal growth has been demonstrated through the use of science and technology by this innovative C.A.U.S.E. program."

"With as many as 50 percent of Camden teens dropping out of school it is impressive to note 100 percent of our C.A.U.S.E. Junior Staff Program participants have completed high

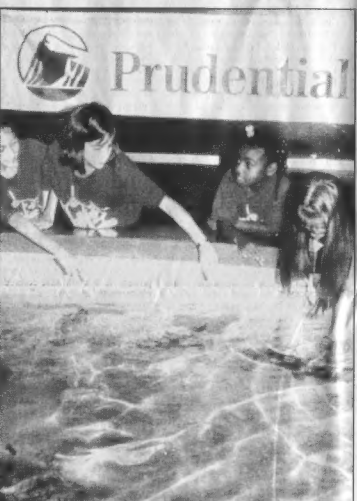
school and plan to attend college," said New Jersey State Aquarium President Michael Crowther. "We know the great potential of this city's children, and are proud to work with organizations like Prudential to provide programs which challenge and motivate them to excel."

These extraordinary students began training in November, participating in a ten-week afternoon course to learn about oceanography, invertebrate and vertebrate biology, ecology and public interpretation. They also trained in CPR, first aid and program development. These teens then began a two-week training over a month as exhibit interpreters at the Aquarium, shadowing staff.

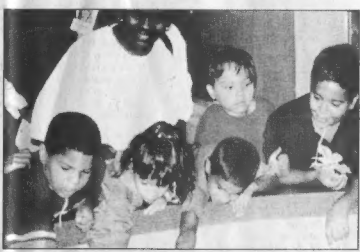
In June, the junior staff learned about communicating with young children, participated in field trips and

prepared for the Aquarium's C.A.U.S.E. summer camp, where they would be mentors to 120 campers. In July, the students put all of their new skills to the test, serving as camp counselors and Aquarium interpreters, earning wages through a \$10,000 Prudential Foundation grant to the Aquarium C.A.U.S.E. Junior Staff Program.

"Helping children see that science and education can be fun, as well as a potential career path, is a noble endeavor that Prudential is proud to help fund," said Prudential Foundation President Gabriela Coleman. "The New Jersey State Aquarium C.A.U.S.E. program is developing tomorrow's leaders and we congratulate each participant for their commitment to achieve."



C.A.U.S.E. participants wait their turn to touch iguanas swimming in the pool.



Children attending the closing festivities watch the baby iguanas swim in a small pool in the aquarium.



Gabriela Coleman, president of the Prudential Foundation, says Prudential is proud to help fund the aquarium's program.

Jersey's Simone Hines is singing a different tune

By Sonya Kimble-Ellis

octave voice. The first single, "Yeah,

Most aspiring singers probably wish getting a record deal was as easy as singing for 30 seconds, then signing their name on the dotted line the next day. That's just what happened to Simone Hines, a 22-year-old native of Carteret, New Jersey.

"My manager asked me to come to a showcase in New York," Simone recalls.

"The host came over and put a microphone in front of me. He and I sang together for a few seconds. I got a deal the next day."

As it turns out, Simone's manager pulled a fast one on her. The vocal interlude with the show's host was already planned. Simone had no idea about that or that Tommy Motola, Sony Music Entertainment's President and COO, and Ron Waud, Sr. Vice President, Sony Music Entertainment/Executive Vice President, Epic Urban Music, were sitting in the audience. Minutes after her brief performance, she was called over to their table.

According to Simone, it was for the best that she didn't know what her manager had put together. "When it came to singing in front of people," she says, "I was always kind of shy. With time, it became easier. Being from a small town, I didn't know how I could get somewhere. Doing this was more of a fantasy."

Simone self-titled debut LP, is much more than a fantasy. Recorded in a little under a year, the album boasts cuts from producers Bernard Belle and Harvey Mason, Jr., and most importantly, Simone's five-



Yeah, Yeah," is her favorite song. "I liked it from the first time I heard it," she notes. "The song is original and different. It has a great feel to it."

Simone's talents don't stop at singing. She co-wrote three of the songs on the album — "I'm Ready," "What Difference Does It Make," and "Every Now and Then." Her talent for music runs in the family. Simone's mother sang background vocals for Luther Vandross and Cissy Houston.

The first time Simone sang in front of people was in her church congregation when she was just 12 years old. Other performance experiences followed, many of them leaving her apprehensive about hitting the stage again. But Simone was never completely awayed — especially after getting an opportunity to perform as a background singer for a few dates on Michael Bolton's 1991 "Time, Love and Tenderness" tour.

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Whitman cites Sarcoidosis Awareness Day

Governor Whitman has proclaimed August 29, 1997 as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Day." To commemorate this occasion people can attend a special free program on August 25, at the Embassy Suite Hotel, 121 Centennial Ave., Piscataway, N.J. Sarcoidosis, a multisystemic disorder that masquerades as other illnesses is found worldwide, and may affect more than one million people in the United States. Sarcoidosis produces many different symptoms. It often affects the lungs, skin, and eyes, but it can involve almost any organ or tissue in the body. Many people afflicted with sarcoidosis will face lifelong medical problems and often become disabled. Because of the many symptoms produced by this disease, a patient is frequently misdiagnosed. Sarcoidosis mimics tuberculosis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, cancer, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, Hodgkin's and the symptoms of AIDS. In many cases, a patient may go years without a correct diagnosis.

Family-oriented wedding ceremony helps children

KANSAS CITY, MO.—When Kimberly Cavanaugh agreed to marry Tony Garcia, she realized she was consenting to be more than his wife. After the "I do's," she would become an instant stepmom to Christy and Travis, Garcia's two adolescent children from his first marriage.

Cavanaugh, now Mrs. Garcia, didn't wait until after the wedding to start building a family bond with the two youngsters. "I wanted to give the kids a very special role in the wedding so they would know from the start how important they were to both me and Tony." "I didn't want them to be treated the way so many children of divorce are treated during a remarriage situation: like excess baggage, something that interferes with the relationship of the man and the woman."

Cavanaugh and her fiancée were confronted with a problem that will be experienced by most of the nearly one million single parents who will remarry in the U.S. this year. What can be done to ease the fears of young children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent?

The couple found a simple and emotionally satisfying solution in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials. This five-minute ceremony-known as the Family Medallion service-can easily be integrated into any religious or civil wedding ceremony. It differs from the

traditional wedding in only one respect, after the newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them at the altar for a special service focusing on the family nature of remarriage. Each child is given a gold or silver medallion with three raised, interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in much the same way the wedding ring signifies conjugal love.

Mrs. Garcia said that no one will ever forget the moment during her wedding last summer when she and Tony placed a Family Medallion around the necks of Christy and Travis. "It was an emotionally powerful event," recalls Tony Garcia. "We gave the kids something tangible to show them they were going to be an integral part of our lives. They were

beaming. I could tell they were happy."

Eleven-year old Christy still refers to the wedding as "the day we all got married." "I felt so special when they gave me the family medallion," she says. "Kimberly could have had an ordinary wedding like everyone else. But she went beyond the ordinary to make the wedding a day we would all remember. I realized how much she cared about me and my brother."

With approximately one in four U.S. marriages involving divorced or widowed parents with young children, the family wedding concept is an idea whose time has come. It is an idea espoused by the Reverend Roger Coleman, Chaplain of Urban Ministry

for the Community Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Coleman, who was marrying more and more people who had children from previous marriages, was frustrated that virtually every traditional wedding ceremony focused entirely on the bride and groom. "A marriage involving children is a lot more than simply the union of a man and a woman," Coleman says. "It's a merging of two separate families."

Today, the Family Medallion ceremony is widely used in the U.S., Canada and much of Europe.

Every year, more than 5000 couples incorporate it into their weddings as a way to help cement the bond between parents, stepparents and children.

Freeholder praises improved health care eligibility for veterans

FREEHOLD—In his second inaugural address, President Abraham Lincoln began what has become an American tradition: "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan..." County Freeholder Theodore J. Narzanick expressed delight that the Congress and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) kept faith with Lincoln's wisdom by recently enacting legislation that simplifies and expands veterans' eligibility requirements for medical benefits. The new legislation, known as the "Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996," was signed into law October 1996.

Among its provisions, the new law eliminates many of the complicated rules and regulations that made outpatient care much more difficult to obtain than inpatient medical care.

"This provision alone will be of great benefit to veterans," Freeholder Narzanick said. "Today, with the trend in medical care being towards greater emphasis on outpatient care, it is important that the VA follow suit. Now, to out patient care, as well."

Some of the other points in the new law include the elimination of major restrictions on the VA's ability to provide prosthetic services and appliances on an outpatient basis; it allows the VA to provide preventive healthcare services to an eligible veteran even if the veteran is not now under treatment; expands the VA's authority to contract with community health care providers for the sharing of health care services; requires the VA to maintain specialized treatment programs for spinal chord injuries, blindness, amputation and mental illnesses; and expands the VA's ability to treat Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange through the year 2002. Persian Gulf veterans exposed to environmental hazards in the Persian Gulf, through the year 1998, and veterans exposed to ionized radiation, indefinitely.

Freeholder Narzanick urged all veterans with questions concerning their eligibility to call the VA New Jersey Health Care System for additional information. The phone number is 973-736-1000, Extension 1407 or 1409.

Tips on building your child's self-esteem

Drs. Derek and Darlene Hopson, a husband and wife clinical psychologist team who are experts on children's self-esteem and racial identity, recommend the following tips for building your child's self-esteem:

- **Let your child know that you love him.** There is a difference between feeling loved and being told you're loved. Express love through words, hugs and time spent together.
- **Value your child.** Your child needs to believe she is worthwhile: listen to and follow her suggestions on how to get a simple task done.
- **Help your child develop independence:** encourage him to explore and learn things on his own.
- **Talk and listen to your child.** Find out what her feelings are. Ask sympathetic questions.
- **Acknowledge his or her uniqueness.** Don't compare your child with other children, including brothers and sisters.
- **Help her take pride in her cultural heritage:** it will uplift her to know she has roots and is part of a rich heritage.

- **Demonstrate your pride in your child's abilities** by attending significant events in his life - recitals, school programs and the like.
- **Show sensitivity.** Your child builds a picture of himself from the words, body language, attitudes and judgments of others. Thoughtless words and action can affect a child's feeling of worthiness.
- **Help your child understand the rules of good conduct.**
- **Let your child work out his own problems** when possible, but be available to help if needed or requested.
- **Encourage and engage your child** to be a natural part of the family routine.
- **Offer support.** Your child must be able to count on you for friendly help with her needs.
- **Cherish your child.** When your child feels cherished, she will have more realistic goals, accept others as they are, learn more efficiently, use her creativity and like herself.

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BILLBOARD CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

NEWARK—Reeltime at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-650-7000.

NEW YORK, NY—The Lincoln Center presents "Jazz on the Plaza" featuring Alva Nelson's African Kankoshun at the North Plaza, 6:30pm. For more information, call 212-875-5391.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

NEW YORK, NY—The Lincoln Center presents "Uta! (A unique Native American female a cappella group)" at the North Plaza, 6:30pm. For more information, call 212-875-5391.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

BROOKLYN, NY—Manny's Car Wash presents Sonny Rhodes (the Disciple of the Blues). For more information call 212-639-6105.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

NEW YORK, NY—The Lincoln Center presents "Jazz on the Plaza" featuring Reggie Workman and the Reggie Workman Ensemble with guest Jason Hooper, 6:30pm. For more information, call 212-875-5391.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

NEWARK—Dynasty Band at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

NEW YORK, NY—The Lincoln Center presents "Dancing on the Plaza" featuring Rennie Harris Puremovement of Philadelphia (Hip Hop kings bust radical moves), 5:30pm at the Foundation Plaza. For more information, call 212-875-5391.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

NEWARK—PSE&G Gospel at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

EAST BRUNSWICK—Stagecrafters of South River is proud to announce their fall production of "GREASE" directed by David Pacheco. Needed are many enthusiastic actors, singers, and dancers 14 years and older. For more information, call 732-238-1850.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NEWARK—Souls of Integrity at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HOLMDEL—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Performances at the PNC Bank Arts Center. For ticket information, call 201-907-8900.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ORANGE—Lincoln Galleries Antiques Auction through Sept. 17, will feature fine art and antiques and a wide variety of furniture, paintings, oriental rugs, silver and other important items. For more information, call 800-242-5825.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK—Reflection on Thelouise Monk, hosted by Marcus Roberts at Lincoln Center. For more information, call 212-875-5044.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK—The Banjo Raglimes at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEWARK—Ritmo and Caliente! at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ROSLYN HARBOR, NY—The Art of Craft Festival, an exposition designed as Long Island's most elegant American crafts event is to be held at the Nassau County Museum of Art, One Madison Drive. For more information, call 516-484-9337.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEW YORK—Transforming the crown: African, Asian and Caribbean Artist in Britain, 1966-1996. For more information, call 212-307-7420.

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The school will hold introductory courses in playwriting, acting, screenwriting, film analysis and modeling which will be taught by professional practitioners. The school will be a twelve week intensive evening study program for young and adult aspiring artists from grades 9 - 12 and 18 years or older.

This program, like previous African Globe summer and arts educational workshops, hopes to explore the creative and performance interest of students through acting, playwriting, dance and modeling. The program concludes with a final presentation of works completed by student playwrights, performed by student actors, a dance performance and a fashion show.

The program dates are September 8 - November 26, 1997. Monday through Friday. Junior classes (grades 9 - 12) and Senior classes (18 years and older). Registration begins August 26, 1997. All classes will be



Kabu Okai-Davis

held on the second floor of African Globe Studios, 1028 Broad Street, Newark, NJ. For more information please call (973) 624-1584.



'50s doo-wop groups perform in Ocean Grove



Top: The Platters, one of the four of the most popular doo-wop groups from the '50s—will rock Ocean Grove's Great Auditorium, on Saturday, August 30 at 8 p.m. The other hot doo-wop acts include The Coasters, The Drifters, and The Shangri-Las (below). They're performing there as part of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association's popular summer series. These legendary groups will sing dozens of their top hits, including many million selling records, during the final weekend of Summer at the unique and charming Victorian resorts. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster or the Ocean Grove box office.



Showtime presents remake of 12 Angry Men



On August 25 at 8 p.m., August 30 at 9:30 a.m., September 4 at 9:15 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. (ET/PT). Showtime will air a powerful new version of the timeless 1957 courtroom drama, 12 Angry Men. Directed by Academy Award winner William Friedkin *The French Connection*, *The Exorcist*, the Showtime Original Picture features a stellar cast including Courtney B. Vance, Ossie Davis, George C. Scott, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Doran Howard, James Gandolfini, Tony Danza, Jack Lemmon, Hume Cronyn, Mykelti Williamson, Edward James Olmos, William B. Davis, and Mary McDonnell. Having been charged by the judge to deliver a verdict, 12 men return to a jury room in Queens County, New York to try an open-and-shut case of a young inner-city youth accused of murdering his father with eyewitnesses fingering him for the crime.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

COLLAGE ARTIST SHOWCASES IN PLAINFIELD

The premier exhibit of Cat Block's figural paper collages, "Jazz...Whatever" will open on Sun., Sept. 7 and continue through Oct. 3 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. She will give a demonstration on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Musicians with their instruments and dancers are the figures arranged by the Elizabeth artist who refers to her work as "a design celebration of jazz. My father played the trumpet. I use beauty in the fusion of musicians and their instruments. They are artists at work," she stated.

With a background in painting and drawing, Block was drawn to creating collages when she ripped colored paper to create a pattern for an art assignment. For more information, call 908-756-1707.

Club Scene

SAXOPHONIST DONALD HARRISON TO PLAY CLUB BENE

Due to popular demand, the Smooth Friday's Concert Series that CD 101.9 was presenting through Club Bene for the summer has been extended through Friday September 19. Saxman, Donald Harrison, will be appearing in concert on Friday September 5.

Impulse recording artist, Donald Harrison, will be performing one show at 8:00 with an optional dinner being served at 7:00pm. Donald is currently touring in support of his latest release on Impulse Records titled "Houevou Swing." The highly respected saxman deliberated quite a bit on his material before entering the studio with producer Tommy LiPuma. Having worked with a broad array of styles over the years, Harrison wanted to create a music of inclusion, a sound that would encompass his views as a modern improviser, but work in a mainstream setting. Past trips through pop, funk, hip-hop, and even New Orleans jazz provided a wide range of styles from which to draw. The intricate yet groovy nature of "Houevou Swing" result in Harrison intricately uniting the particulars of these sounds.

For further information or to spend an evening with the jazzy sounds of Donald Harrison call the Club Bene at 908-72-3000.

Funny man Steve Harvey cuts comedy album

Renowned comedian, radio personality and television star, Steve Harvey, is set to conquer yet another entertainment medium, the recording industry. Steve Harvey Live...Down South Somewhere, a full-length comedy album on the Island Black Music/T-Neck Records labels, is scheduled to be released September 16.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Harvey began his career in the early 80's performing stand-up comedy in clubs across the nation. It was through his routine that Harvey established himself as a preeminent comic on the comedy club circuit. He soon began headlining shows to sold-out audiences and developed a fan-base stretching across the country.

On "The Steve Harvey Show," his current sitcom on The WB network, Harvey portrays Steve Hightower, a '70s music star who's fame has faded and is currently teaching music to high school teenagers at an inner-city school. The show is heading into its second season and is one of The WB's highest rated shows.

Children's issues are very important to Harvey, which is apparent in any project he attaches himself to. His show takes pertinent topics such as teen drug use, teen sex and violence, yet at the same time, retains Harvey's unique comic sensibility and never comes across as being "preachy."

Harvey is committed to helping the youth in our country. He regularly visits schools and youth detention centers nationwide to lecture about the pitfalls of "street-life" and the importance of establishing goals. Harvey was the driving force behind a meeting between Sonny Doggy Dogg and Sean "Puffy" Combs, two key figures in the supposed war between east and west coast rap factions. Harvey is currently in the process of creating the King Love Center (named in honor of his hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), a place that Harvey envisions as being a place youngsters can visit year-round to learn the importance of positive mental attitude, character building and making dreams become a reality.

On the recording Steve Harvey Live...Down South Somewhere, Harvey returns to his stand-up roots that propelled him to superstardom.



Steve Harvey

New York Undercover star gives back to the community

Malik Yoba, star of FOX-TV's New York Undercover and twice the winner of the NAACP's Image Award for Outstanding actor, will host East Harlem's Drawing Village's spectacular 2nd annual "Peace in the Upper East" Summer's End Festival on Saturday, August 23, from 8:00 a.m. until dusk.

Drawing Village is a pre-school and after-school facility that focuses on nurturing, enriching and teaching the area's future leaders. The festival will be co-sponsored by Ciaiol.

The festival, which runs along Manhattan's First Avenue between 106 and 110 Malik Yoba Streets, will feature gospel choirs, fashion show, voter's registration booths, rides, games and celebrity appearances. Scheduled to appear are Blackstreet, Inro and Nice-n-Smooth.

Yoba will also lend his time and talent to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's campaign to combat the rise in drug use. He will host a one hour prime time television special produced by ABC News on Saturday, August 30, 1997 at 9 p.m. EST. The show will look at the lives of individuals and communities who have been personally impacted by drugs and/or violence, and who are now working to eliminate negative influences from their lives and neighborhoods.

Guests will include Mike Walker, executive director of the Partnership for a Safer Cleveland, sponsor of the Young Ladies and Young Gentlemen Clubs; Joe Marshall and members of his Onyx Boys Club as they try to negate the evils of gangs, drugs and crime with education and communication designed to expose the anger, pain and fear impacting club members; soon a candid interview with rapper Sean Puffy Combs about witnessing Notorious B.I.G.'s murder and his decision to rewrite the lyrics to his new album.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the County of Morris no later than 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, on September 3, 1997 for miscellaneous site improvements at the Morris Senior Citizens Housing Complex. Bids shall be delivered to the office of the Morris County Housing Authority, 99 Katon Road, Morristown, NJ 07960, Attention Lucille Favre, Deputy Executive Director.

All potential bidders must attend a pre-bid meeting to be held at the site on August 25, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time.

This project includes the removal/replacement of sidewalks, drainage improvement, grading and miscellaneous landscaping.

This contract subject to all of the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations and to the applicable provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

All bids shall be made on the forms furnished and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name and address of the Bidder, the name of the owner and Project Title. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (not to exceed \$20,000) of the total bid, payable to the Owner, as a guarantee that if the contract is awarded to the Bidder, he will enter into a contract with the Owner.

The successful Bidder may be required to furnish payment and performance bonds each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract award. Each Bidder shall submit with his proposal a completed consent of Surety Form, stating that the surety company will provide him with the required payment and performance bonds, if required.

Contract Documents for the proposed work can be inspected by prospective bidders at the offices of the Housing Authority of the County of Morris at 99 Katon Road, Morristown, NJ. Contract documents can be obtained at the same location upon payment of \$25.00 per set, which is not refundable. Payment for plans and specifications will be made to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris.

Neither the Owner nor the Engineer shall be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract documents, including addenda, obtained from any other source. The Contract will be awarded to the most qualified bidder who meets all of the requirements of the Contract Documents, the right being reserved by the Owner to reject all proposals which may be informal or the acceptance of which, for any other reason, would be detrimental to the best interests of the Owner and to waive informalities.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
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The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch request proposals for attorneys/firm to serve

as legal counsel to the Authority for the programs outlined in the request for proposals for the twelve month period ending September 30, 1998. Proposals should address the following qualification factors which shall be used to evaluate proposals and include the proposal form:

1. Experience with Housing Authority Counsel or HUD legal work or real estate law.
2. Knowledge of and/or experience with HUD Public Housing Regulations and Procedures.
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Demonstrate compliance with requirements PL 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C. 17:27. An Affirmative Action Plan is to be submitted as part of the proposal. Contractor to demonstrate record, ability and goals to make good faith affirmative action efforts.

Any submitter submitting proposals must be licensed to practice law in the state of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Housing Authority for proposals between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at (908) 222-3747 extension 124.

Proposals must be submitted to the address above and must be received no later than Friday, September 12, 1997 12 noon in proper format. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities in the proposal process.

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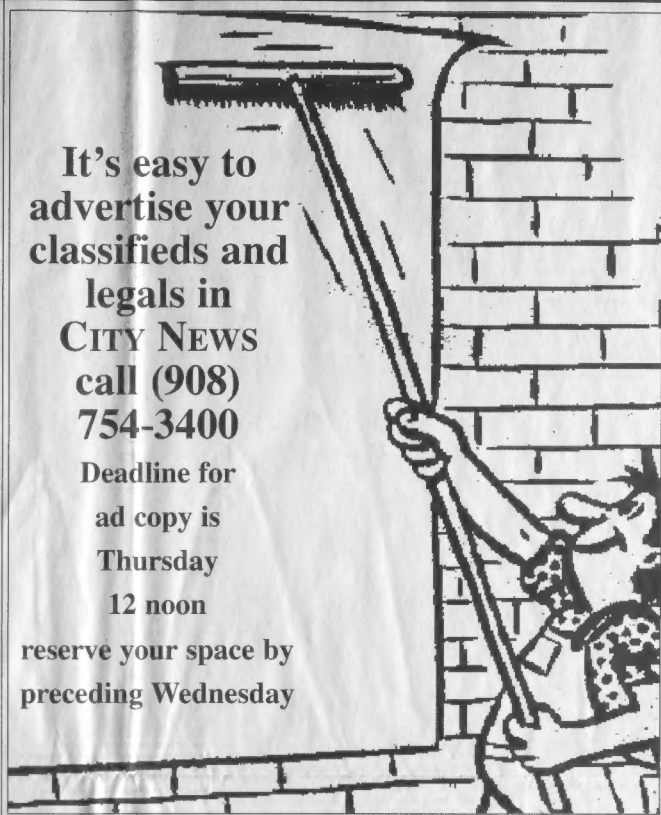
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ADDENDUM #1
AUGUST 1, 1997
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 97-
P1191/1
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Notice of the following addendum adding and superseding a pertinent portion or portions of the original Request For Proposal package # 97-P1191/1 is hereby given to all interested parties for the above project.

AD1-1 All handicapped units in this project shall have a minimum of two (2) bedrooms.
AD1-2 All construction drawings submitted in response to this Request for Proposals showing the interior configuration of the units shall have a scaled representation of the main pieces of furniture (e.g. beds, sofas, tables, chairs, entertainment components, etc.) as part of the drawings of the interior configuration showing suggested placements of such furniture within the rooms as proposed.
AD1-3 The date of submission remains the same, Wednesday, September 10, 1997 by 2:00pm.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

NEW YORK—The National Business Council is leading its second trade mission to Puerto Rico. The trade mission will conclude on the August 27. The trade mission will be led by NMBC chairman, Ernest P. Gonzalez, chairman and CEO of Caprice Chemicals, Inc. For more information call 212-573-2885

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, AT 27

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—National Association of African American Chambers of Commerce. Theme: "Building An Economic Foundation for the 21st Century." For more information and registration, call 214-871-3060. Fax: 214-871-3020.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

PISCATAWAY—A reunion of former Job Corps members and staff of the Job Corps Center located at the former Camp Kitter site in Edison. The program sponsored by the US Department of Labor has been known as Kitter Job Corps Center, NJ Residential Manpower Training Center, and NJ Job Corps. For more information, call 908-281-1111

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CITE conference

September 26-28 explores the open market of communications

The Consortium on Information & Telecommunications Executives (CITE) will present its 14th annual conference September 26-28 at the New Brunswick Hilton. The theme of the conference, "Windows To Our World of Technology" will focus on the efforts to build a ramp onto the Information Superhighway for all people of color.

Interested persons are invited to register and attend an informative series of workshops to learn and share knowledge about the communications industry and how anticipated changes will impact the African American community as employees, customers and customers. An exciting lineup of guest speakers will be featured during the two-day conference including Cassandra Hayes, *Black Enterprise* Magazine, Dr. and Mrs. Jan Johnson, City News Publishing Company, and keynote speaker, attorney Johnnie Cochran.

For more information or to register for this conference, call Tamara Grier, "Every Last Detail," (301) 598-3575.

NAFEO receives \$1million from MetLife

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) was awarded \$1,000,000 by MetLife during the organization's Presidential Peer Seminar in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The seven-year award represents an annual value in program support, advertising, technical and other services of approximately \$150,000.

Henry Ponder, CEO and President of NAFEO and Dr. William Keaton, Chairman of NAFEO's Board of Directors and President of Arkansas Baptist College, received the contribution from MetLife officials.

"MetLife has really gone the extra

mile in demonstrating excellence in corporate citizenship. They have been working with NAFEO for the last six years through their NAFEO-MetLife Financial Awareness Program and with this award the program will continue. NAFEO will establish other programs and projects with our institutions assist in keeping the doors of opportunity open," Ponder said.

The NAFEO-MetLife Financial Awareness Program has provided retirement and financial planning counseling to more than 15,000 individuals associated with NAFEO institutions. It has also provided educational information for students attending NAFEO member institutions about careers in the financial services

industry, and created opportunities for students to intern with the MetLife Management Associate Program.

One unique component of these programs is that the majority of the services have been provided by or initiated by NAFEO MetLife Fellows. They are individuals who are part of the campus family at NAFEO institutions and associated with MetLife. "At a time when it seems to be politically fashionable in some circles to question the legitimacy of programs designed to break down established barriers to access to educational opportunities for all Americans, MetLife is proud to stand with NAFEO in support of efforts to overcome some of these barriers," said

Barbara Healy, MetLife's National Marketing Director of Education.

NAFEO is the association for this nation's 116 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

These institutions have provided the lion's share of African-American college graduates.

NAFEO was formed in 1969 by these HBCUs, with one of its major objectives to advocate policies, programs, and practices designed to preserve and enhance HBCUs' and to increase the active participation of African-Americans at every level in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs of American higher education.

Investors savings Bank reaches 26 communities



ISB wins community Service Award, raises over \$8,000 for Habitat for Humanity. Left Samuel J. Damiano, right Patrick J. Grant

MILLBURN, N.J.—In two separate fundraising events, Investors Savings Bank employees reached out to the 26 communities in which branches are located to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. The first event ran from June 14 to July 4, 1996 and raised \$5,040; the second fundraiser encompassed the month of February, 1997 and netted \$3,000 for a total of \$8,040.

For "Meeting the Habitat Challenge" in the "assets over \$600 million" category, Investors Savings was chosen to receive the Community Service Award by the New Jersey League of Community and Savings Bankers from a total of 55 community service projects submitted by various financial institutions.

The Habitat of Humanity program was created in 1976 to help eliminate poverty housing wherever it exists. In the 21 intervening years, the program has built or rehabilitated housing that provides homes for over 100,000 families.



The fund-raising program was organized by the New Jersey League of Community and Savings Bankers in such a way that the money raised by the 80 participating New Jersey financial institutions would be used specifically to provide homes for families in the Garden State.

"We were pleased and proud to work hand in hand for the success of this program," said Patrick J. Grant, president and CEO of Investors. "Each branch gave its full effort from the heart and each employee contributed personal dollars to help in this effort. The Habitat for Humanity program itself is a noble undertaking, and the incredible outpouring from Investors' staff is absolutely heartwarming," he said.

The top three money-raising offices were Investors' Irvington office; its East Orange office; and its Springfield branch on Morris Avenue. In appreciation, the staffs of each branch were awarded a luncheon and a letter of appreciation by Investors management.

African American business meets, in Texas

DALLAS, TEX.—Although a U.S. Census Bureau survey documents that there were more than 620,912 African American-owned and operated businesses with a total revenue of \$32.2 billion, some still question the viability of the African American business.

As the call goes out for the African American business community to unite to combat business misconceptions and questions, Thomas Houston, president of the National Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (NAAACC), and its more than 25,000 members nationwide, are answering this call with a request for the African American business community to convene in San Antonio, Texas during their Ninth Annual Convention scheduled for August 24-27, 1997 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel to prepare themselves for the coming millennium.

The Alamo City, as it is often called, will host hundreds of local and national African American businesses and entrepreneurs during this event, whose conscious theme is "Building an Economic Foundation for the 21st Century." This event has been specifically designed to provide the membership through the incorporation of information to aid the growth and success of their enterprises in the 21st Century.

"This year we want the attendees, whether representing individual businesses or chambers, to embody the theme of the convention and build foundations that will bridge the gap to their successes through an understanding of the mechanisms, programs, services, and tools essential for local, national, and global prosperity,"

adds Houston.

Business owners and entrepreneurs will join NAAACC members from across the country in bringing together African American business leaders interested in receiving information that will provide them with the opportunity to learn, network and share information so that their individual successes will provide the bedrock for the future of African American businesses and community.

"The political and economic climate that exists right now is not ethnically friendly," said Thomas Houston, President of NAAACC. "The progress made in the last thirty-one years for us in integrated business settings is being chipped away little by little."

"It is imperative that we develop a strong coalition of African American entrepreneurs and businesses, inclusive of small, mid-size and large organizations, to examine what is right and wrong in the African American business community and plot courses that will lead us into the 21st Century," says Houston.

Activities are planned throughout the four-day event to facilitate the development and maintenance of a proactive stance and attitude from the African American business community through the incorporation of convention workshop ideas and concepts. The convention, which is corporately sponsored by American Express, American Airlines, AT&T, Pitney Bowes, Phillips Morris/Miller Brewing Company, Fujitsu and the Texas Department of Commerce-in addition to other sponsors-will open on Sunday, August 24 with registration and exhibitor move-in at the host hotel beginning at 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Standing by the wayside: The economy passes by African American blue-collar workers

President Clinton has termed our present economy, "the strongest in a generation." While this economic tide is supposed to lift all boats, many low-skilled black males have yet to be saved from sinking deeper into unemployment and invisibility when benefits runs out.

According to a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*, while the recent economic expansion has helped most workers in general, it has done little to narrow the gap between blacks and whites. Black workers on average make 78 percent of their white counterparts. The total of black males attending college is about 14 percent, which puts them at a particular disadvantage in earning a living wage.

The article notes that although the jobless rate for adult black men and women was about the same earlier this year, almost nine percent, the earnings of black men have fallen more in inflation-adjusted terms than black women's in the current economic expansion. The paychecks of black women are much closer to those of their white counterparts than is the case among black men and their white counterparts.

A study conducted at Michigan State University earlier this year to determine the reason's for the low employment rates among blacks. It was found that when jobs don't require any specialized or people-oriented skills, 36 percent were filled by African-Americans. However, when a position requires one or more of these skills, African-Americans filled only 20 percent of the jobs.

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On June 18, 1997, the United States District Court for the district of New Jersey entered a Consent Order resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the owners, managers and rental agents of Pleasant View Gardens apartments. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants had discriminated against black persons who sought rental housing at Pleasant View Gardens. Under the Consent Order, you may be entitled to receive monetary relief if you asked about or applied for renting, or rented an apartment at Pleasant View Gardens (partially pictured above), and apartment complex located on Carlton Avenue, Pleasant View Drive and Rutgers Road, near Rutgers University and Johnson Park, in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey at any time after January 1, 1991, and:

1. You were denied an opportunity to live there because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you; or
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Neither the defendants' agreement to the terms of this Consent Order nor any other action taken by the defendants in connection with this settlement constitutes an admission by the defendants of any violation of the law, duty or obligation, or that any decision or action with respect to the management of Pleasant View or any other apartment complex was discriminatory or otherwise unlawful. The defendants specifically disclaim and liability to the United States or any other entity or person. The parties have entered into this Consent Order to compromise disputed claims. No findings of any kind have been made or issued by the Court on the merits of the claims in this action.

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